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SUMMARY: AT JANUARY 24 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP COMPLETED  
DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERMREPS' REPORT ON STATUS OF NPG WORK.  
FRG REP NOTED INTEREST OF HIS AUTHORITIES IN DISCUSSION OF  
ROLE AND POTENTIAL OF CRUISE MISSILES. OTTAWA IS LOOKING  
INTO POSSIBILITY OF A SIDE TRIP TO NORTHERN CANADA AFTER  
THE JUNE 8-9 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JANUARY 24 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP COMPLETED DIS-  
CUSSION OF THE DRAFT PERMREPS' REPORT ON STATUS OF NPG  
WORK (REF A). STAFF GROUP ACCEPTED US CHANGES CONTAINED  
IN REF B. APART FROM A FEW EDITORIAL FIXES, THE ONLY  
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ADDITIONAL CHANGES WERE TWO SENTENCES IN PARAS 4(A) AND  
4(B) INDICATING WHEN THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY AND PHASE III  
PAPER SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PERMREPS IN ORDER TO ALLOW  
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PREPARATION FOR MINISTERIAL DIS-  
CUSSIONS. US REP (WOODWORTH) QUESTIONED VALUE OF THESE  
ADDITIONS, BUT ACCEPTED THEIR INCLUSION WHEN THEY WERE  
SUPPORTED BY ALL OTHER REPS. WE WILL FORWARD THE  
REVISED REPORT TO WASHINGTON, WHICH THE IS WILL ISSUE  
AS A FORMAL DRAFT FOR APPROVAL IN CAPITALS.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT REPORT, US REP, PER GUIDANCE IN REF B, SAID THAT US WOULD WELCOME WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM ALLIES THIS SPRING ON THE NUCLEAR BALANCE MATERIAL, INCLUDING CRUISE MISSILES, PRESENTED AT THE LONGON NPG, NOTING THAT US DID NOT ANTICIPATE MAKING ADDITIONAL WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS TIME. FRG REP (MERKL) SAID THAT WHILE HIS AUTHORITIES LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THIS AREA, THEY BELIEVED THAT DISCUSSION OF CRUISE MISSILES SHOULD MOVE BEYOND THE TECHNICAL MATERIAL PRESENTED AT LONDON, TO THE AREA OF ROLE AND POTENTIAL OF THESE SYSTEMS.

3. CANADIAN REP (HAMILIN) CONFIRMED THAT THE JUNE NPG MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN OTTAWA. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ARE EXAMINING POSSIBILITIES FOR A SIDE TRIP AFTER THE MEETING, DURING JUNE 9-11. HE ALSO SAID HIS AUTHORITIES EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER TRANSPORTATION FOR SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE OTTAWA MEETING TRAVELING FROM EUROPE, AND HOPED THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO LEND ASSISTANCE. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM CANADIAN REP THAT OTTAWA IS CHECKING OUT POSSIBILITIES OF A SIDE TRIP TO NORTHERN CANADA. ADDITIONALLY, NPG MINISTERS IN LONDON AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DATES OF JUNE 8-9 FOR THE SPRING NPG. CANADIANS ARE PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION  
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THAT THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTICIPATING NPG COUNTRIES. END COMMENT.  
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